



# Ivins City News

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### Meeting Schedule 5:30 PM

#### City Council

January 6

January 20

#### Planning Commission

January 4

January 18

### Post Office

#### Main Branch/New Service

Santa Clara: 628-2112

#### Satellite Post Office

Ivins: 628-1381

### Website: [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com)

### Utility Payment Drop Box

Ivins City Office

(north side of building)

Ivins Satellite Post Office

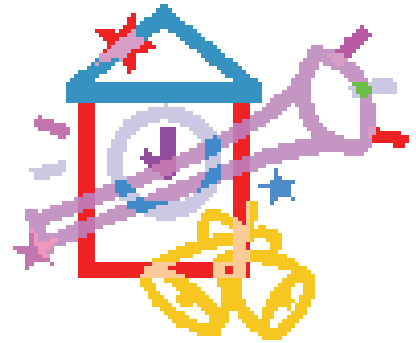
### Phone Numbers:

<i>City Hall</i>	628-0606
<i>Animal Services</i>	628-1049
<i>Building/Zoning</i>	634-9753
<i>Justice Court</i>	634-5728
<i>Parks &amp; Rec</i>	634-0689
<i>Police Dispatch</i>	634-5730
<i>Public Safety</i>	674-5503
<i>Public Works</i>	634-0689
<i>Utilities</i>	628-0606
<i>Emergencies</i>	911

## A Happening New Year

Chris Hart, Mayor

Once again we're throwing away old calendars, making New Years' resolutions and trying to get used to writing "2011" on our checks and letters. 2010 has been an exciting and interesting year for me serving as your Mayor. Under the direction of our excellent City Council and with the support of our outstanding City Staff, we've plowed some new ground this past year creating our first Community Garden, holding our first annual Fitness Festival in May and Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival in October, launching the Ivins Solar City America Project (ISCAP), organizing our first Economic Development Committee and working through the issues required to move forward with our Historic Township improvement project.



2011 will be a year of harvest. The Community Garden, after a successful first year is moving to a new location off 200 East at about 900 South due to the sale of Pond Park. We've learned some valuable lessons and are working with the dedicated gardeners to make some needed adjustments and improvements. Among them are that larger garden spots will be made available and the City will help prepare the ground in addition to providing the irrigation water.

Our two new festivals were great successes and will no doubt grow this year as the word spreads that they were fun, interesting and well worth attending. Numerous volunteers will again be needed to make them happen but it's a great opportunity to bring in people from all over to enjoy our spectacular city. It's exciting to showcase our beautiful parks, local and native history and cultures, our outstanding health & fitness resorts and medical center, our local and regional artists, Coyote Gulch and Tuacahn. The more people who become exposed to these community assets the better.

Our efforts in the area of renewable energy have paid off in spades. Ivins City has received two grants that will provide solar power to our Public Works and Public Safety buildings, our Animal Shelter, UNITY Park and our City Office building. Installation of these systems will commence early this year and by summer over half of Ivins City governments' electrical power will be provided by solar photovoltaic systems. In addition, Kayenta has received a grant to help fund a solar generating system in Coyote Gulch and I've seen some additional private systems come on line. There are other exciting ideas moving forward as well that we will share as they mature.



On the economic front, 2010 saw Red Mountain market open its doors and Todd has done an outstanding job keeping it stocked with fresh produce, a wide variety of grocery items and



Grandma Toblers' delicious baked goods. Coyote gulch continues to build on its fine reputation as an arts center and Tuacahn enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever. Xetava Gardens in Coyote Gulch and Mr. Cebollins' Restaurant next to Lightfoots are great places to eat and need our support. Red Mountain Resort & Spa and The Biggest Loser Resort at Fitness Ridge are growing and broadening their appeal. The Economic Development Committee applied for a grant to have a study done and recommendations made to help us promote future

economic growth. Funding was not available but the application will be submitted again this year. In the meantime they are considering ways to support our fine existing businesses and to promote Ivins as a suitable location for appropriate new business.

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This month work will begin in the Historic Township area of our City to install curb & gutter, sidewalks and fully paved roads. The work should be completed in July or August. This project is the culmination of a concentrated effort by the City Council and City Staff over the last year to put the necessary pieces of the puzzle in place, and thanks to a friendly bid environment it is finally coming to fruition. It will no doubt have a transforming effect on that part of the City and provide solutions to several long term storm water, pedestrian safety and maintenance problems.

The Planning Commission and City Council continue to address other issues, amend and improve ordinances and plan for the future. There are other important projects in motion like the Snow Canyon Drive roundabout that is now in the formal planning stages and the Tuacahn detention dam that is headed for an Army Corps of Engineers review.

With so much going on we'll do our best to keep you informed through the Ivins City website, the monthly newsletter and my Community Education Channel "Mayors Forum" program on Baja channel 22 that you will be able to access through the website beginning next month. I also look forward to visiting with you at our neighborhood meetings coming up later this month and next. Last year was a busy one indeed, but as you can see 2011 is shaping up to be a happening new year for Ivins City. I hope it's a great one for you and your families as well.



## Historic Township Improvements Begin

Judy Gubler, City Manager

The curb, gutter, sidewalk, and asphalt improvements in the Historic Township have been approved, the bid has been awarded, and the funds have been secured. The construction will begin in January 2011 and will be completed in approximately 6 months.

The residents that are directly impacted by this project will receive a mailer with details and are also invited to attend a meeting on January 13, 2011 at Red Mountain Elementary at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the details of this project. All questions regarding this project should be directed to Chuck Gillette ([cgillette@ivins.com](mailto:cgillette@ivins.com)) or David Glenn ([dglenn@ivins.com](mailto:dglenn@ivins.com)) at 634-0689.

We appreciate the patience of the residents of the Historic Township and the entire community as we will encounter traffic delays and detours. We all look forward to the successful completion of this project and Ivins City Staff is committed to reducing the impact of construction as much as possible. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

## January Agenda Items

Judy Gubler, City Manager

The following are some of the topics that will be discussed at the January Planning Commission and City Council meetings. This is not a complete list and the complete agendas will be posted on the website [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com) 5 to 7 days prior to the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours prior to a meeting. If you have questions regarding any of the agenda items please call or e-mail Kevin Rudd at 634-9753 or [krudd@ivins.com](mailto:krudd@ivins.com) for Planning Commission questions and Kari Jimenez at 628-0606 or [kjimenez@ivins.com](mailto:kjimenez@ivins.com) for City Council questions.

### Planning Commission January 4, 2011

- Continue discussion of beekeeping
- Continue discussion of commercial zones

### Planning Commission January 18, 2011

- Continue discussion of beekeeping
- Continue discussion of commercial zones

### City Council January 6, 2011

- Discussion of Alternatives to the Tuacahn Detention Basin
- Public Hearing to Consider the Planning Commission's Recommendation to Amend Section 16.11.134 of the Ivins City Code Regarding Site Grading and Drainage
- Discuss and Consider Ordinance No. 2010-19, an Ordinance of Ivins City, Utah, Amending Section 16.11.134 of the Ivins City Code Regarding Site Grading and Drainage

### City Council January 20, 2011

- Sensitive Lands Committee Report – Marc Deshowitz

## Vista School

Nicole Richins



Vista would like to thank Ivins City and Community for their great support in our first two years. What a great community to be a part of. Vista is pleased to announce a mid-year enrollment lottery the first week of January. This lottery is for students who would like to attend Vista starting the 2nd week of Jan. for the 2010/11 school year. Please contact the school at 673-4110, or [nrichins@vistautah.com](mailto:nrichins@vistautah.com). Enrollment for the 2011/12 school year lottery is also available for future students on [www.vistautah.com](http://www.vistautah.com). The Vista Student Council has had a great year helping the school and the community. The Vista Student Council is made up of 7th/8th Grade students who meet once a week to help spread school spirit, mentor younger students, and plan school activities/service projects. Our very first Student Council has planned and carried out a great Disney Friends For Change Service Project where they led the way for over 25,000 people to be contacted and encouraged to carpool for one day to help the environment. Vista's 7th and 8th Grade students have many chances to be involved and have numerous leadership opportunities.

## A Chance to Help

Chris Hart, Mayor

For me the most difficult part of proceeding with the Historic Township improvements has been the recognition that some of our residents living in that area will struggle to pay their monthly assessments. Living on a modest fixed income or being temporarily out of work can make even a small payment burdensome. The majority of protests received in opposition to the Special Assessment Area (SAA) created to help fund the project stated the inability to pay as the reason.

It has been my hope all along that we could find a way to help those most in need. In December, the City Council approved the creation of the Ivins Good Samaritan Fund. It was established specifically to provide relief to those who are unable to pay their monthly assessment. The fund will be administered by the Five Counties Association of Governments who currently manages the weatherization and other assistance programs in Southwest Utah. They will receive applications from residents of the Historic Township area seeking help and qualify those who are entitled to receive it through this special fund.



Beginning next month, all of us will have the opportunity to contribute to this fund through our monthly utility payments. A new line will be added to our statement entitled "Ivins Good Samaritan Fund". By filling in that line we may make a voluntary tax deductible contribution to the fund. It can be given as a one time, a periodic or a regular donation as circumstances permit. My hope is that all of us will consider what we can comfortably contribute and include that amount each month since the need may remain for as long as the twenty year period of the bond.

Some of you have approached me about adopting the full assessment on behalf of a family member or friend living in the impacted area. For those of you who wish to provide that level of assistance you may work out the details with our City Manager, Judy Gubler, either paying off the entire assessment or making the monthly payments on their behalf. Be aware that a donation that benefits a specific property owner is no longer tax deductible. Only those made through the fund fall under that classification.

The City will begin working immediately with the Five Counties Association of Governments staff to set up the fund and application process. We will notify you in a future newsletter how to obtain application forms and when they will become available. In the meantime, know that help is on the way. I never cease to be amazed by the kindness and generosity of our residents consistent with the name given to this special fund. No one should be put in the position of choosing between buying needed groceries and making an assessment payment. Together we can insure that never happens. Thank you so much for your support of this important effort.

## The Pet Corner

Aggie Smith, Animal Control Officer/Shelter Mgr.  
Linda Elwell, Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter

### Greetings from the Ivins Animal Shelter & Adoption Center



We have had an increasing number of animals being abandoned which is against the law in Ivins and the state of Utah. People assume the animals can survive on their own but most are doomed to a cruel and tragic end. The reality is that few are found by caring people and brought to the shelter. During the warm months, abandoned animals may suffer from dehydration and in cold months they suffer from hypothermia. Domesticated animals are used to being fed and may not know how to hunt for food. They will just wait to be fed and most likely die. The reality for all unwanted and abandoned companion animals is an ugly one.

During the winter months, please remember to provide adequate shelter for your dog outside. A dog house should have shelter from the wind and weather and have bedding on the inside. Cedar chips make excellent bedding for dog houses, plus they smell good. Make sure the water bowl is not frozen. Dogs and cats can get frostbite on the pads of their feet so take care in very cold weather to keep them protected.

### Greetings from Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter (FIAS)

As we begin the new year we would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Your support in 2010 helped us in so many ways and we look forward to working with all of you in 2011.

Our "Wish for the Month" program was a tremendous success. Thank you so much for your support of the homeless pets. For January we need scoopable cat litter and dry food for cats and dogs.

Our goal for 2011 is more adoptions and in order to accomplish our goal we have established a new monthly event. The second Saturday of each month we will sponsor a special adoption event at the shelter from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The adoption events will have special themes but the one thing that will not change is half price adoption fees on that day each month. Other rescue groups will be invited to participate and the event will be fun. Our first adoption event will be held Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.



The low cost Vaccination Clinic sponsored by FIAS and service provided by Washington Family Veterinary Clinic will be held on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to Noon at Ivins Animal Shelter & Adoption Center. Appointments must be made in advance so please call FIAS at 673-1718 to make an appointment now. All canine and feline vaccinations are \$15 except for the Feline FELV/FVRCP which is \$23. Ivins City Dog Licenses will be available for purchase at the clinic.

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The dates for the low cost Spay/Neuter Program are March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>. This program is also sponsored by FIAS and service provided by Washington Family Veterinary Clinic. Space is limited to 25 pets per clinic date and appointments must be made no later than two weeks prior to procedure. Appointments may be made by calling FIAS at 673-1718 or stopping by the Ivins Animal Shelter & Adoption Center to make an appointment.

The tentative date for the Pound Puppy Gala is Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have more information on this special event in the January newsletter. We are looking forward to another great event.

Another new event this year is the *Walk, Talk & Wag* dog walk. This will be held in the spring before the Snow Birds leave for the summer. This promises to be a fun event and one that has been requested by our residents. Hopefully, Robin Kirker will be our leader of the "pack".

As you can see, we have many helpful events already planned for 2011. We will be very busy and volunteers are always needed. There are positions on committees or you can volunteer for special events. Please email FIAS at [lindafias@msn.com](mailto:lindafias@msn.com) or call 673-1718 for more information.



### Pet of the Month ~ Meg

I am very lucky to be cared for by the Ivins Animal Shelter & Adoption Center and FIAS. I have been well taken care of and loved, but I need a family of my own. I have been homeless for a long time and all of my friends have been adopted. It makes me very sad no one has come to see me. Maybe it is my mixed breed but I am a really good girl. I am a Staffordshire Bull Terrier/Chocolate Lab mix. We all have our little funny personalities and I prefer not to be with other dominate female dogs, guess you could say I am an alpha dog. However, I do get along with male dogs. I am in a great foster home right now but I need a place to call home. Please call Aggie at 435-628-1049 or Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter at 435-673-1718 to make an appointment to meet me. I know if you give me a chance to get to know you we can become "best friends". I want to have a "happily ever after story" and you can make that happen for me!

## Ivins City Parks & Recreation Department January 2011

### Benny Sorensen, Director Parks and Recreation

Happy New Year from the Ivins Parks & Recreation Department! We hope that 2011 will be a great year for all of you!

### Classes and program updates

#### **Geology of Southern Utah**

When: 7:00 p.m. on February 2, 9, 16, 23

Where: Ivins City Hall (55 North Main)

Instructor: Marc Deshowitz

Fee: This series is offered at no charge to the first 40 people who register at the Ivins City offices.

**Session 1 - Introduction to the Rock Types of our Area - 2/02/11 (Wednesday)**

**Session 2 - Plate Tectonics and its impact on Ivins - 2/9/11 (Wednesday)**

**Session 3 - The Geology of Snow Canyon - 2/16/11 (Wednesday)**

**Session 4 - Geologic Hazards in Ivins - 2/23/11 (Wednesday)**

#### Course Description

Marc's class will start with the basics of Geology and then move on to illustrate the forces which shaped our area utilizing concepts of Plate Tectonics. You will be introduced to the principles of Ancient Geography that will provide you with clues of what our area looked like during the time when Dinosaurs roamed this area. You will even be able to tell which way the wind was blowing during the Jurassic in Snow Canyon. The class will conclude with a discussion of the Geohazards which occur within the area and how they can affect us all. Take this journey through time and develop a whole new appreciation for the place we call home.

#### Bio

Marc was born in Massachusetts and went to school in the Boston Area and Southern Illinois. After leaving Illinois in 1979 he went to work for Shell Oil Company where he was an exploration geologist looking for oil and gas deposits globally for almost 30 years. Marc retired to St. George in 2008 with his wife Chrystal and together they lead Road Scholar (Elderhostel) Trips to all of the National Parks in Utah.

#### **Acro Gymnastics/Tumbling Classes**

Acro/Gymnastics (Tumbling) helps to develop flexibility, balance, coordination, muscle strength, and tumbling skills. The classes are divided into ability levels in order to give the students a more individualized program. Each one-hour class (45 minutes for the 2 to 4 age group) consists of skill training and choreography time to utilize the skills being taught. Students may have opportunities periodically to participate in performances and/or demonstrations to show what they are learning. Classes are ongoing with new sessions beginning every six or seven weeks.



## Dance & Musical Theater Classes

We are offering Dance and Musical Theater Classes for Children and Teens. Classes are ongoing with new sessions beginning every six or seven weeks. Classes in Tap Dancing, Ballet & Jazz Technique are currently being taught.

Next session begins the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more info, call Ivins Parks & Recreation at 634-0689 or contact Spotlight Performing Arts Center at 628-8550 or 632-0614. **REGISTER AT IVINS CITY HALL (55 N. Main, Ivins).** PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

## Zumba/Strength Training – Monday–Thursday 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

Classes are held at the recreation building at UNITY Park or when weather permits, Zumba classes are held on the tennis courts with instructor Julie Thompson.

### Zumba - Tuesday's & Thursday's

Zumba eliminates the “work” from “working out” by combining amazing, irresistible Latin and international music with dynamic, yet simple exercise moves, using their unique intermittent training format. You'll have so much FUN you won't even realize you just got a great cardio workout.

**Strength Training** - Monday's & Wednesday's - Monday's class focuses on lower body & abs / Wednesday's class focuses on upper body/abs.

Punch cards: \$40.00 for 20 classes or Individual Class: \$4

## Yoga – New Class schedule

Tuesday 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. is Gentle Yoga

Tuesday 9:15 to 10:25 a.m. is Power Flow

Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is Gentle Yoga

Single class fee - \$6.50, 4 classes - \$26.00, 8 classes - \$52.00

Taught by Kim Nally at the UNITY Park Recreation Building.



## Personal Training by Premier Training

Ever wonder what it would be like to have your own personal trainer? Someone to teach you how to keep fit and to help you keep going when your will power is lacking?

Katey Fielding is a Certified Personal Trainer with four years of experience helping people keep themselves fit.

Premier Training takes you through a variety of fun and exciting exercises. We use balance, core strength, weights and cardio to create the perfect workout for your lifestyle and goals. No matter what age or what goals you have, we will design an

exercise routine just for you. Come as an individual or with a group of friends and learn to push yourself to new heights. The following class times are available;

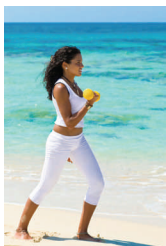
Monday Morning – 7:25 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.; 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 9:35 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

Wednesday Morning - 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Evening - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

All classes are taught at the Recreation Building in UNITY Park.

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Individual Training Session is \$20 per hour per person for 16 sessions - \$320

Group Training Session (2 to 6 people) is \$15 per hour per person for 16 sessions - \$240

If you sign up with a friend you get 10% off original price.

Public school teacher special – take 15% off original price if you are a public school teacher.

Classes are scheduled to begin on January 3, 2011

Registration must be done by December 30, 2010

For more information you can email Katey Fielding at

[kateyfielding@gmail.com](mailto:kateyfielding@gmail.com)

## Ivins Soccer Association – 2011 Youth Soccer League for ages 3 1/2 to 18

Online registration for the Spring 2011 season is currently available at [www.ivinssoccer.com](http://www.ivinssoccer.com).

In person registration can be done on the following Saturday's; January 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Unity Park recreation building.

Late Registration will be available online from January 30 through February 6 and in person on February 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Unity Park recreation building.

There will also be a drop box available at the Ivins City Offices where you can drop off soccer registration forms during business hours.



### REGISTRATION FEES:

1-2 Children	\$ 30.00 per child
3 Children	\$ 80.00 Total
4 Children	\$100.00 Total
5 Children	\$115.00 Total

\*Late Registration is an additional \$10 per player

\*No refunds can be given after February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Please make checks payable to: **IVINS SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

For more information please go to [www.ivinssoccer.com](http://www.ivinssoccer.com) or Call 435-673-2372

If you are interested in volunteering please contact us by email at: [ivinssoccer@gmail.com](mailto:ivinssoccer@gmail.com)

## Baseball Registration

It's almost time to get ready for 2011 Recreation Baseball Registration!

We will be offering coed T-ball (age 5 & 6), Rookie (coach's pitch age - 7 & 8) and we hope to get enough participation to have a Minors (machine pitch - age 9 & 10) league this year.

When: Beginning March 1 - Ending April 1, 2011

Where: The Ivins City Offices - 55 North Main

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

## Tennis Lessons

We will be offering tennis lessons again as the weather begins to warm up just a little, watch the next newsletter in February and we should have the schedule ready.



# Neighborhood Meetings

**Neighborhood 1: Historic Township Area between 200 East and 200 West, from the Red Mountain to 200 South** – this meeting will focus primarily on the scheduled improvements in the Historic Township.

Date: January 13, 2011  
 Location: Red Mountain Elementary  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Neighborhood 2: East of 200 East and north of 200 South**

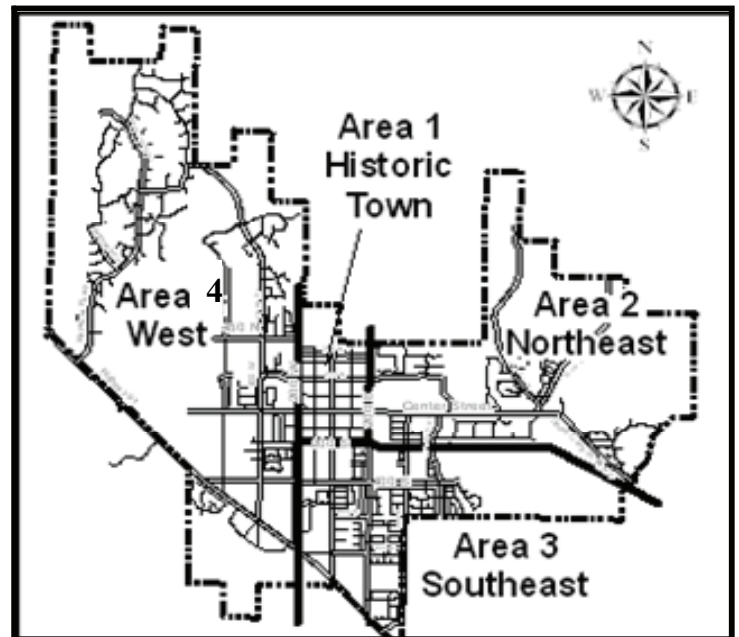
Date: January 27, 2011  
 Location: Ivins City Hall  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Neighborhood 3: East of 200 West and south of 200 South**

Date: February 10, 2011  
 Location: Ivins City Hall  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Neighborhood 4: West of 200 West including Kayenta**

Date: February 24, 2011  
 Location: Ivins City Hall  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.



Citizen involvement is appreciated and valued and the Neighborhood Meetings are planned to allow you an opportunity to express your desires and concerns for your specific neighborhood.

We hope that you'll attend and we look forward to meeting with you. If you are unable to attend but have questions or issues that you'd like to address, please feel free to mail or e-mail your comments to Mayor Hart or City Manager Judy Gubler.

Mailing address: 55 No. Main, Ivins, Utah 84738

E-mail: Chris Hart ([chart@ivins.com](mailto:chart@ivins.com)) or Judy Gubler ([jgubler@ivins.com](mailto:jgubler@ivins.com))

Seating may be limited  
 Light refreshments will be served